decision on the issue is still under consideration, no cases have been registered so far.

(b) to (e) In view of reply to (a) above, these questions do not arise.

**Standard Deduction form Pensions of Ex-MPs. and Freedom Fighters**

2530. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRl SARADA MOHANTY:

WilJ the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision of standard deduction from income tax from the pension drawn by ex-Members of Parliamsnt and the freedom fighters: and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY): (a) There is no such provision in the Income Tax Act. 1961

(b) Does *nnl* arise.

**Officers Union in Bank of Maharashtra**

2531. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will -the Minister of FINANCE be phased to state:

(a) which is the recognised and largest officers union in Bank of Maharashtra;

(b) whether it is represented in the Board of Directors of the same Bank; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c) The post of officer employee Director on the Board of Bank of Maharashtra is at present vacant. The Bank has taken up the process of verification of membership of the officers association and an officer employee Director on the Board of Bank of Maharashtra will be appointed by the Government after the Bank finalises the verification process, and takes a decision about the officer's association having majority.

**Collection of Tax on the basis of information**

2532. DR. YELAMANCHILI STVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total tax collected basing on the information of informers during the last three years, year-wise; and

Co) what is the amount spent in rewarding the informants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The Direct Taxes are collected by the Income Tax Depart ment at several stages before and after the completion of assessments as also on finalisation of appeals etc. Part of the taxes collected may result from information furnished by infor mers while the remaining may be voluntary payment as well as tax col lected due to the investigation made by the Income-tax department. On the otherhand, stay orders may obtained against searches and seizures, assessments, ____ recovery pro ceedings etc. Therefore, consolidated year-wise record of collection of taxes resulting alone from information fur nished by informers is not maintained in the Income-tax department.

Similarly Customs and Central Excise department also does not maintain separate figures of tax collection, on the basis of information furnished hi- Informants. The time, effort and expenditure involved in the maintenance of this information would not be

commensurate with the results sought to be achieved.

(b) The amount of reward paid to Government servants and informants together *by* the Income-tax Department and the Customs Department during the last three financial years is given below. Separate figures for reward to Informants alone are not being maintained.

| Financial year | Reward paid by Incom-tax Depa·ttuent (Rs.)in lakhs) | Reward paid by Customs Departmen (Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 1989-90 . . | 95.53 | 15.98 |
| 1990-91 . . | 89.73 | 21.99 |
| 1991-92 . . | 113.40 | 23.75 |

In so fas as Centrai Excise depp~-ment is concerned, the amount of reward paid to informants during the three financial years is given below.

| Financial year | Amount paid (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|
| 1990-91 . . . | 37 (Approx.) |
| 1991-92 . . . | 24.5 (Approx.) |
| 1992-93 . . . till January, 1993) | 14.5 (Approx.) |

N.B. : The figures for 1992-93 are provisional.

**Loans sanctioned by tate Bank of lndore**

2533. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribal youths/ educated unemployed who have been sanctioned loans by the State Bank of Indore under the self employment scheme for their livelihood during last two years, details branch-wiee and region-wise;

(b) the number of the farmers belonging to SC/ST who have been sanctioned loans during the last three years by the said Bank;

(c) what is the amount of loan sanctioned by the bank during the last three years category-wise and branch-wise;

(d) what is the target fixed for releasing loans during 1993-94;

(e) whether any complaints have been received against the officers for not granting loans to the farmers; and

(f) if so, the details of complstims and actipn taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER Of STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Region-wise details of loans sanctioned during the last two years to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe educated unemployed as furnished by State Bank of Indore are as under: —

(Amount Rs. in lakhs)

| Regions | 1990-91 | | | | 1991-92 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Indore Zonal Office | | Bhopal Zonal Office | | Indore Zonal Office | | Bhopal Zonal Office | |
| | Num-ber | Amo-unt | Num-ber | Amo-unt | Num-ber | Amo-unt | Num-ber | Amo-unt |
| I . . . . | 5 | 1.50 | 6 | 1.60 | 31 | 10.23 | 29 | 9.06 |
| II . . . . | 10 | 2.25 | 6 | 1.35 | 27 | 4.82 | 25 | 5.4 |
| III . . . . | 8 | 1.90 | 12 | 2.55 | 13 | 2.80 | 6 | 1.55 |
| IV . . . . | .. | .. | 6 | 0.83 | 1 | 0.15 | 7 | 1.85 |
| V . . . . . | 3 | 0.80 | 4 | 0.95 | .. | .. | 3 | 0.70 |
| To.Ah : | 26 | 6.45 | 34 | 7.28 | 72 | 18.00 | 70 | 18.50 |

thanks has rsported that the branch-wise details are not available.